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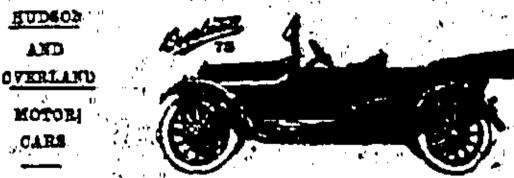
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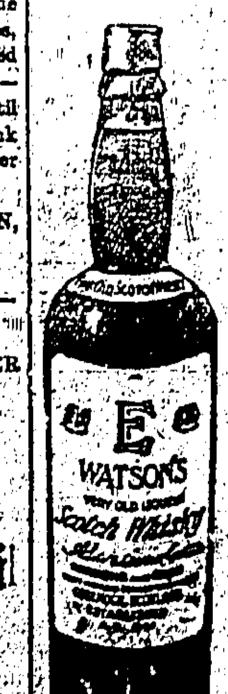
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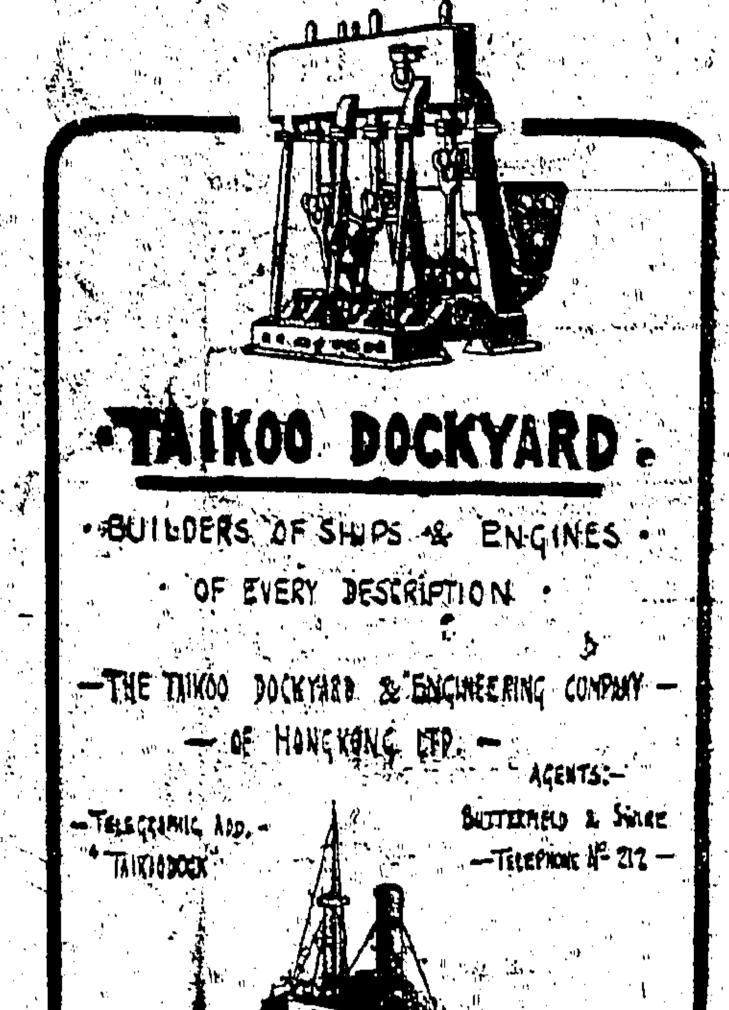
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FRENCH OCCUPY, IMPORTANT STRATEGIC POSITION.

NUMEROUS COUNTER-ATTACKS SHATTERED.

Panis, March 27. Interest is now being concentrated on the sector St. Quentin which both the French and the British are

approaching. The French capture of the Essigny plateau immediately south of the town is notable as it commands the gup which is the direct strategic route between Paris and Belgium: It also marks a step "towards ou

flanking the town. The Germans recognising the importance of the position have made numerous counter-attacks but they have all been shattered with heavy enemy loss.

THE FIGHT FOR THE CROUY PLATEAU.

London: March 27 Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing

Soissons yesterday, states:---The Plateau of Crouy, up the southern side of which the French are fighting their way in the teeth, of fierce opposition, is the southwestern projection of the vast Laon Plateau. Its surface is broken by wooded. Under a clear sky, the would have the same result. bright sun is hot enough in the afternoon to tempt weary men to lie and bask in its rays. The French are steadily driving the enemy from

position to position. fusillading shows that the rifle has fall back to the east. come into itr own again. The brilliant French capture of the road bridge over a ravine on the Maubeuge Road gave the French the key to the whole of the Crouy Plateau.

The attacking regiments are mostly composed of peasants who are infuriated at the sight of ruined farms and orchards. They stormed the position with irresistible fury and repulsed three counter-attacks. For two days the enemy has not abandoned hope of retaking the wrecked bridge and the fighting is were without foundation."

The French are also pressing forward to the left in the vicinity of Margival, and to the right in the vicinity of Vregny, Every gain is followed by a counter-attack in which the Germans recklessly but fruit lessly sacrifice men. The enemy's position at Vreghy is

still raging.

trong, his guns and machine-gun sweeping the natural glacis.

THE BRITISH PRONT.

London, March 27 Beuter's Correspondent at Britis Hoodquarters, telegraphing yester day), reports -

The only change yesterday was the retirement of the British outpost at Boisel, before a strong Garman force of cyclist infantry, which suddenly appeared. We still hold the railway junction between Marqueix and

Our occupation of Beaumaz-les-Cambrai evidently annoys the Cermins as they attempted a bombing ettack to the north of that place yesterday morning, but were repulsed with considerable loss. The German arallers is more extraordinary extent. active but is desultory and pervent

FRENCH PROGRESS.

LONDON, March 26. A French communique reports :---Between she Somme and the Oise our artillary dispersed enemy gatherings between Benay and Urvillers.

"South of the Oise we made important" progress in the Lower Coucy Forest. We occupied Folembray and La Feuille notwithstanding the difficulties of the terrain and vigorous enemy.

We also progressed north of Soissons in the region of Vregny.

BELGIAN'ACTIVITY.

LONDON, March 26. A Belgian official message transmitted by wireless reports: A Belgian detachment raided the German positions near Smeenstraat and inflicted heavy losses They razed fieldworks and broughtback some prisoners.

ITALY READY AND CONFIDENT.

GENERAL CADORNA ON GURRENT RUMOURS_

Ross, March 27. Signor Barzilai, has been visiting the front and has conversed with General Cadorna who referred to the reports of the coming great enemy offensive against Italy. The General said the Italian army is quite prepared and be himself had neglected nothing to meet the strongest attack. If the enterprise attributed to the enemy were carried out it would be countless ravines and is frequently a bigger affair than Verdun, but it

ENEMY ATTACK ON THE RUSSIANS.

LONDON, March 24.

A Russian official message, transmit The wilderness of mud has dis- ted by wireless, reports. The enemy appeared and men and guns advance attacked on the west bank of the river over fields, taking cover as in the Chara. A second attrock accompanied wars of a decade ago. Frequent by asphyxiating gases compelled as to

ALARMIST RUMOURS IN ENGLAND.

· LONDON, March 26. An unprecedented crop of alarmie and circumstantial rumours throughou. Great Britain during the week-end led Mr. Thome to ask Mr. Bonar Law, in the House of Commous, for information regarding the reports of invasions in Scotland, Lowestoft and elsewhere. Mr Bonar Law said that he had heard a great many rumours himself; but al

EXPLOSION AT A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, March 24.

The Press Bureau shoomees that an accidental explosion took place in a munitions factory in the north of England this morning. There was no serious damage but one person was killed, nine injured and three seriously injured.

PRUSSIAN AIRMAN PRINCE DEADS

LOYDON, March 27 The Daily Express states the Prince Freidrich Kart, the Prisann nirman recently reported in German official announcement missing, has died of wounds

ANGLO-PREMCH SUCCESSES AROUSE. GREAT, ENTHUSIASM AMONG RUMANIANS.

Jassy, Marco 27 The British and French successes have aroused the greatest anth sidem. The newspapers are ctorn from the hands of sellers immedi ately they appear, and the publi devour the communiques and Rept desnatches which have revived the spirits of the Rumamans to Continued on Laco

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MEMBERS of the HUNGKONG CLUB, will be held in the Crum House on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917 st 5.30 P.M.

By Order, E. DES VŒUX.

Hongkong, Mar 16, 1917.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY
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SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year anding 31st December, 1916.
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Hongkong, March 9, 1917.

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Ry Order of THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & CO. "General Managers. Hongkong, March 21, 1917.

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34:-"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regula-tion "consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premiser in which such addition shall be

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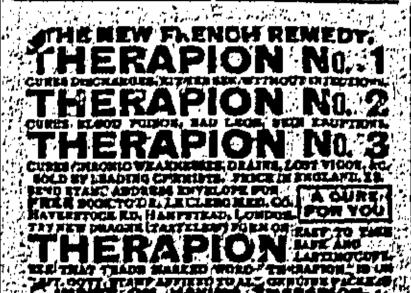
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THE BRITISH CENSOR.

PICTURES BY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

GREPLY TO PEEVISH CRITICISM.

A particularly interesting descriptive article on the British censorship, "An American's View of the British Mail Censorship," by Robert Sloss of the "Chicago Daily News" has been reprint work. ed in pamphlet form by Messrs W., All signals made by the vessel Speaight & Sons, London, Mr Sloss was afforded every facility for seeing the British censors at work, followed mails through the departments until despatch to their ultimate destination and was able, from the insight given him, to come to the following conclusion in ru article strikingly free from com-

> Throughout such contact with it (the Britisk censorship) one cannot escape the impression that it is a "live" organ- bury employment agent. ization. Its management has been enrusted to comparatively young men who have been given a free hand for the accomplishment of their task, and whose disposition is to "get on with it" with the least possible friction and in the most workmanlike way. The efficiency of the organization is obvious, and one feels that whatever inconveniences. may cause they will hardly badue to provocative traditions of stupidity.

THE CENSOR'S MUSEUM. Mr Sloss in his description of the censor's museum speaks of the tricks to get rubber into Germany, in 11 ozpickages of dental rubber yielding about an ounce of the pure article at G. 86.25 false newspaper rolls, hundreds of small consignments marked " "Sample: no quantities of football bladders.

THE PUBLICIST'S WAR WEAPONS.

Of German publications, some of which were calculated attacks on the United States, and others to weaken the adherence of the Allies, he says :--

If it is the fact—and the postal censor The "Petit Journal," is said to popular

ment from Germany, and evidently re-called from the United States when Mexico was found to be impenetrable for business purposes. These had been taught on the return trip. An interesting line that had been coming in consisted of large envelopes each containing four flat boxes of cignrettes from the

A fair sample of the fires of this des-cription was photographs wrapped in corrugated toard; each corrugation con-taining a thin bar of pure nickel. The German contention is that the inviol-ability of private correspondence has been broken. The British maintain that legitimate private correspondence has been prostituted to other purposes.

Aside from the legalistic controversy over the censoring of the mails from which this interesting library emanates, there is no question that it has been of there is no question that it has been of practical value even to the United States, for it has disclosed much extremely pertinent information for our own tate Department which has invariably been turned over to them by the British outhorities over exercised, per-base, in preventing the circulation of the crude satire in colours entitled. The Rable of the Stuffed Lion. How Ha

Conspired with the Frog and the Bear to linb the Prussian Eagle, and How the German Bird of Freedom Punished all

But I saw a book about another bird of freedom, whose cover depicts the same surrounded with the Stars and Stripes in colour. It is published in Fortuguese by one Hermann Pattel. Berlin, and entitled "Condor por Sud America." Its plain purpose, at which it works very hard, is to represent the United States as a menace to the independence of the Latin America Repub-Don'tless the State Department has had occasion to thank the British Government for a copy of this interesting

COUNTESS'S WAR ROMANCE.

MARCHES WITH THE ARMY IN THE GREAT RETREAT.

A romantic story of the war was told at Bow-street recently when a well-dressed, fruil-looking woman, who was described "as Frances Merlin, but said she was the Countess de Gaston Merlin, was charged with assaulting a Blooms-

It was stated that defendant had gone to the offices of the agent in search of a situation as a chef" and the "alleged assault followed on her failure to obtain the kind of place she wanted. The version given by defendant was different, and she prefaced it with an interesting account of her experiences in France when the war broke out. Her home was near Lille, she said, but, when

hostilities began the was staying with her daughter in another part of the country. She and her daughter marched with the French army on its great retreat, and eventually reached Paris. he had suffered considerable financial loss through the war. . She was the author of several books, but, realising that fiction would not be in great demand in war-time, she went to a school of cookery in Paris and qualified as a chef. Her husband was a SINGAPORE: Mesers Borneo Co.

captain in the British Army. A police officer said he had found that value," thousands of solid rubber golf defendant was very well connected and balls, thinly glazed, and astonishing countess looked anything but a violent McFarlane & Co., Ltd. woman, dismissed the charge.

> BRITISH SOLDIERS AND FRENCH ··· NEWSPAPERS.

claims to have acquired proofs of it in the British trenches in France. Everythat the German Foreign Office directs one knows, says a London paper, that the preparation and publication of these the new lingua franca is one of the books and pamphlets, and that they have proudest possessions of the British solerected a special plant of their own for dier in France. He brings home his their production, then we have the scraps of "compris" and "voulez yous" interesting spectacle of the rulers of a with as much elation as his Prusmodern nation employing in "self- sian helmets, and he immediately tries defence" not merely a large, but an the jargon on many an unapprecative almost brimming, measure of falsehood, policeman and bus conductor. But his and trickery.

More pathetic still, perhaps, are the still remains primitive and uninflected.

specimens which illustrate the efforts of The French newspapers, however, are German firms in Germany to keep some becoming increasingly popular. One semblance of a hold on their vanished finds the French papers with English foreign trade, especially with South and colonial papers in all the reading America. One whole side of the room rooms, and in billets and trenches men was filled with sample lots of picture day by day with increasing success postcards, oleographs, photogravures— puzzle out the latest news of the war, the latter of fine quality, worth \$2.50 They say that it is well worth the each, and addressed to the New York trouble, because the information and branch of a Berlin house. Over \$5,000 comment are so much resher and freer worth of picture postcards alone have than what they get from English newsbeen seized in small consignments. There papers. It is not to be supposed that were several gross of scissors and of razors when they return to their homes they which had been mailed to Mexico piece- will let the new study drop.

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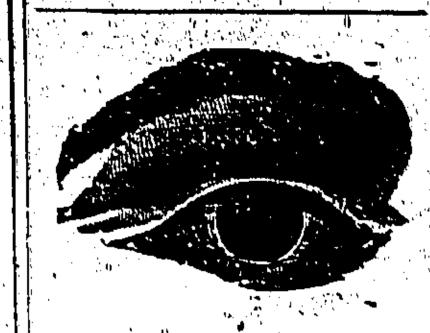
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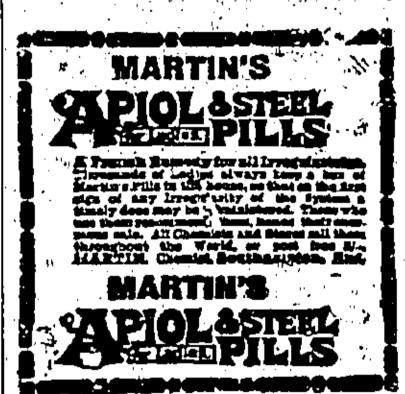
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TURKEY THREATENED WITH FAMINE.

FATALISM AND FILTH.

There has just arrived in Holland. writer the Amsterdam correspondent of the " Daily Chronicle " on 3rd February. a gentleman who holds a very responsible position of a commercial and financial character in one of the largest business houses in Constantinople. He brought VALUA"BLE HOUSEHOLD with him the very latest impressions from that city, and the picture he gives me is by no means a cheerful one, a

Privately I send you his name and position, so that in giving publicity to his statements you need not doubt their genuineness and seriousness." Were you to publish his name, more than one head: would come off in Constantinople.

I asked first for a general impression of the conditions in Constantinople. He them gave the following gloomy picture:-"Constantingole is a starving city.

where very certainly dozens of poor creatures perish every day, and where for year and a half typhus, cholera, have never been absent epidemics. Constantinople is physically filthy, and over all hangs the terrifying spectre of famine, which also threatens nearly all Turkey in Europe.

A MISERABLE MOR. ence the authorities make no effort to cleanse the city, but have abundoned it byer which was erected a high structure to a condition of repulsive dirtiness. One has hardly set foot out of doors when Surface Condensing is surrounded, almost assailed and borne down, by an insistent mob of beggars. Chinese flags, very aptly symbolic of the dirty and half-perished with hunger.

Balkan tribe, is represented in this army A Launch to convey intending pur- of beggars; Turks in turbans, Jews chasers will leave Blake Pier at ragged overcoats. Greeks in baggy garments once white and waistcoats once finely embroidered; Bulgarians, Egyptians, African negroes, wild-looking "Albanians-all are" there" mingling pellmell with maimed and halt soldiers, and others with grave but less obvious war

> "And what." I asked next, "is the condition of the more fortunate classes. and what is the feeling about their power

> The traveller replied," That I cannot form any definite conclusion about, but it needs no gift of prophecy to say "that from all appearances, and all that a member of the general public can hear, the Turks are at the end of their resources. In any case Turkey has certainly mobilised all that she has to mobiliseold and young men with one hand or one eye I have seen under military orders.

"Turkish losses up to now have been very heavy." I heard several, who are in position to form a fairly accurate estimate, put them at a million and a

GERMANS! HEAVY HAND. " Complete control of the Turkish army has been assumed by the Germans. the highest and higher commands hare filled by Germans. Also the administration of national affairs is in German hands, with the result of a perfect inundation of German officials everywhere. The Turkish military have absolutely no voice in directing affairs, the German feldwebel or sergeant having higher power than a Turkish captain.

"The Turkish soldiery are only kept "in order by vigorous, vicious and constant corporal punishment for any and every hill upon which the late Mrs. Loke Yew alleged offence. " "

"I gathered the impression that the Turks are secretly convinced they will not be allowed to retain Constantinople afterthe war. Frequently I was able to talk with financiers; merchants and business Their views are all coloured by presentiments regarding Turkey, they admit, can only lose as the results of the war.

"They argue that the Turkish Empire having such widely extended coast-lines. would have been the policy of Sulfans to maintain good relations with Powers whose dominions there hive the greatest number of Mussulman subjects, and who possess the strongest naval forces. "But is against these very Powers," they mournfully "continue," that Enver and Talast and Diemal and their accomplices have ranged themselves, and it is only fear of the dreadful consequences which prevents us from speaking out.

My informant said there so far hasbeen no open rebellion against conditions, as this is quite impossible under the rule of the German police, who keep order in the city with iron despotism, but deep rage and discontent are universal," and am sure," he added, " the popular wrath. only waits till the Germans leave the city before it breaks out with the utmost

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THE LATE MR. LOKE YEW.

FUNERAL PROCESSION AT KULL

LUMPUR. The funeral of the late Mr. Loke Yew, C.M.G., LE.D. (Hongkong) "took place in Kuda Lumpur on Sunday, says the Malay Mail. The procession was timed to leave the Data Road residence of Mr. Loke Yew at 10 a.m., but long before that hour a large crowd of persons with whom the deceased had come into contact in his life-time gathered inside and outside the grounds. Batu Road was crowded with a vast procession of heavily. laden rickshas, cars and pedestrians all bound for the same destination, a remarkable tribute to the deceased Towksy. In the grounds of the house were drawn upof the M.S.V.R. under Lieut. Tyler, the full Chinese platoon of the M.V.I. under Lieus, Jordan and the St. John's Institution Cadets under Corporal H. N. Ferrers. Shortly after 10 a.m. the shrill notes of a Chinese piper heralded the commencement of the Chinese veremonies. the xicinity of the house came five Chinese priests and a Chinese piper, These were immediately followed by mourners in white, carrying a small "With characteristic fatalistic indiffer- decorated car containing the deceased Towkay's tablets. Next came the hearse

of magnificent floral decorations, 'Pro-The minently placed at the summit of the decorations were crossed floral British and two great countries Loke Yew had served. Every race of the Orient, every Immediately following the hearse came the chief mourners in sackcloth, among whom were Mr. Allan Loke Yew (eldest son) and Mrs. Loke Yew. Behind the mourners walked Lieut.-Col. A. J., Fox. and Lieut. Col. J. H. Tyte, Captain W. S. Reeve-Tucker, Lieut. Tyler, the M.S.V.R. guard of honour, the Chinese Platoon and the St. John's Institution Cadets. troops were followed by a vast crowd of Mr. Loke Yew's friends.

In this part of the procession the various Chinese girls' schools were represented.

THE MAIN PROCESSION. The main procession, which was quite the most distinguished which has been seen in Kuala Lumpur, was led by the huge figure of a man built in paper. This was followed by a long line of offerings and the various appurtenances of Chinese funeral. The Selangor State Band was next in succession, being succeeded by a vast array of silken banners, 186 in number, several of which were presented by various local commercial bodies. The banners were in four sections of 60, 35, 68 and 23 each, respectively; and in the intervals between the These were succeeded by a huge photo graph of Mr. Loke Yew placed on a small decorated car. Following this was the part of the procession which came from the house and an extremely large crowd of friends of the late Towkay in cars rickshas and on foot. Among the vehicles which followed the hearse was a motor lorry packed full of wreathes.

The procession, which was well over a mile in length, wound its way out along Batu Road and the Pahang Road eventually, at the 4th mile, turned into-Hawthornden Estate and proceeded to the

was buried recently. Accommodation had been made on the estate for the thousands who came to the funeral, in the shape of several long attap sheds provided with tables forms. In these food was served. The arrangements for the regulation of traffic were excellently thought out and worked

very smoothly. The first ceremony by the graveside was a parade of Chinese schoolboys, who presented arms while their band played. The actual ceremony did not commence till shortly before 8 p.m., when five Taoist priests dressed in robes of gold and scarlet conducted a chant before the grave. During the ceremony wax candles were lit, papers burned and offerings arranged before the grave. The chief mourners attended the ceremony prostrated themselves before the grave. the principal priest lighting a packet of crackers and throwing them into the grave. This was succeeded by a ceremony conducted by five Buddhist priests, following which the heavy teak coffin was lowered into the grave and set in the requisite position with a great deal of scare. The Taoist priests then comprocession with the chief mourners. The deceased Towkay.

Tong Sen. Wagner, Chun Cheng Bok. Clayton, Yeomans, Ferrier, Gleeson, or dressed Pringle, Purdy and Eaton (the two latter) epresenting the Y.M.C.A.

Among the many who attended the imeral were Sir Edward and Lady Brook.

man The Hon Mr. E. G. Broadrick, and A good many people think rheumanism inartistic that it is grievous to know that Thomas Braddeli.

Wreaths were sent by H. E. Sir Arthur Balm massaged thoroughly into the skim.

At any rate few can see such skirts.

SUBMARINES" AND STRATEGY.

EFFECT AT SALONIKA.

In its issue of February 8, the Times says that the first discussion of the strategical considerations which are sum pesed to be ut the back of the new aul marine policy is to be found in an article published on the 4th idem by the Militury Correspondent of the Frankfurte.

The writer insists impon the assertion that the German military and political authorities are now for the first time agreed that the moment has come when the new warfare is politically and militarily possible "as "an effective war method." He recites the official explanations, and then adds :--

The strategical foundation for the decisive effect of the submarine war lies on the Continent-on our fronts. They must hold firm. Only then will the success bo of a kind to decide the war. As to this Hindenburg, the competent guards of honour consisting of 22 members authority for this question, has set our ininds at rest.

The purely material effects of the submarine war will not occur in a day and these people who are now talking of England being laid low in he very short time are rendering no service to the German people: What we have to do is to bring down the people that is mightiest at scan This cannot be done Ahead of the short procession which left by the simple decision to conduct a ruthless submarine war. Our decision will provoke the most severe counter effects. Great power, great determination, and a high degree of skill on the part of the enemy will be opposed to the practical carrying out of our plan. After a short reference to neutrals, the

writer proceeds:::-From a military point of view it is General Sarrail above all who is his The Salonika undertaking had in any case its weakness in the necessity of .. line of communications by usea. It also required a great deal of tonnage, which consequently was not available for the other requirements of the Entente. The over-sea communications of Sarrail's army will now cost considerably more sacrifices, and, as a result of the increased danger, will be still more uncertain and unpunctual. The losses in ships in the fediterraneun will be ever more difficult make good, because elsewhere also tonnage will henceforward decrease more rapidly, while at the same time, in view of the great offensives, very many ships will be urgently needed for the French and English coasts. It should be added that the abandonment of the Salonika undertaking, which has already often been considered, will have its difficulties in the present circumstances.

THE LAND CAMPAIGN.

The writer adds a few general remarks about prespects on land :- * While the most decisive events at sen, in which perhaps the two High Sen Fleets will also come into action, are being prepared—subject always to the sober calculation that in view of the greatness of the resources on both sides t will take much longer for the decision to ripen than is assumed by many who confuse wishes with realities—there is also being prepared on the continental, fronts the great "decision of 1917." The enemy Press declares every day that Germany has really already lost the war, that she is playing her last card at sea because she sees no further sections were various Chinese bands war has become "a game of hazard" for

prospect of success on land, and that the ie Germans: In peculiar contradiction to the enemy's blind confidence in his own favourable situation, discussions are becoming ever more frequent about the possibility of a German offensive to Odessa, about the menucing of Monastir, and about the prospects of success for a German offensive in the West. To all this is added the formation of an English volunteers corps for the defence of England against an "invasion by German troops. Is the last measure seriously meant, or does it correspondent with the Italian sacro enoismo, which under the pretence of needing Italian troops in the country, defends itself against releasing any for France? Is the idea to use the bogey of the possibi lity of a German to deceive the French concerning the English Army's front in

HQMEWARD BOUND PASSENGERS.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS TO

UNITED KINGDOM.

A proclamation issued in London on February 23, 1917, prohibits, with effect from that date, the importation into the United Kingdom, except under licence, of the following goods: Aerated, mineral and table waters, agricultural machinery; antimony ware, apparel not waterproof except boots and shoes, art works baskets and basketware of bamboo. books (printed) and other printed matter including printed posters and dail weekly and other periodicals, publications imported otherwise than in single through the nost, boots and shoes of leather and materials The Taoist ceremony was concluded by for the manufacture thereof not al ready prohibited, brandy, clocks parts, thereof, cloisonne wares, cocoa, preparations of rocca, raw coffee. cotton hosiery, cotton lace and articles thereof, curios, infusorial earth, embroidery; and needlework. Liney goods known as Paris' goods, feathers ornamental and down, fire extinguishers flowers, artificial flowers, fresh fruit of all descriptions except lemons and bitter! menced a short ceremony, in the course coranges and almonds and nuts used as of which they went round the grave in fruit, glass manufacture not already prohibited, gloves, hats and bonnets, hides, 'slready revealed,' there / will be war' admire even against one's will. wet and dry, incandescent gus mantles, ceremony concluded by the chief of the jute, rew leather (dressed and unpriests throwing a fowl across the grave dressed), linen yarns and manufactures; into the lap of the eldest son of the lobsters, canned meats, matting, mops, painters colours and pigments, per-The Buddhist priests and five Buddhist tures, prints and engravings, photonuns conducted a similar ceremony, at graphs and maps, plated and gilt wares, the conclusion of which the entire party quebracho, hemlock, cak and mangrove left the graveside, the grave being filled extracts, salmon (camed), silk mapuup after the departure of the mourners, beans, steresscopes, straw envelopes for factures, not including silk yarns, soyn In addition to the mourners those pre bottles, straw platting, sugar (articles sent at the graveside coremony consisted, and preparations containing, used for groung others, of Mesers. Robson, Eu Lood, except condensed milk), ten, tomatoes, typewriters, wine, wood and timber of all kinds, hown, sawn or split, planed

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THE THREAT OF THE BARREL-SKIRT.

AN INARTISTIC FASHION.

Alarming -reports are to be heard on all sides concerning changes to be expected in the modes. Some people say that these changes are to be exceedingly drastic, and that they will appear so

soon as the first primrose is blooming in the woods, says a London correspondent. No doubt the reports are quite true for no designers worthy of the name can rest without conceiving new ideas and expressing them in their models. But the final decision remains with their clients, who must see that the novelties are kept within bounds and do not hinder a rule of economy. Of course it is too early to prophesy definitely the another broad band of the fur providing lines on which the new modes will the high collar. A tall mannequin shows develop, but, judging from the models between the straight, narrow skirt and And it needs all such artifices to introthat which is already nicknamed the no natural development of present barrel." One of the leading conturiers fashions. It possesses no practical in the region of Bond Street now dis qualities that cannot be found in the plays examples of both these particular full short skirt of the winter months. types, and though personal taste may and is endowed with less chain, than incline towards the former, it is impos | that of which the latter is capable. In sible to say at this hour with which fact, its only chim upon our attention is

A HINT OF THE FARTHINGALE. It is not difficult to truce the origin of the new burrel skirt . It is the materal outcome of the dresamakers desires to bring in the crinoline again. The appearance of the "flair" must have dashed their copes to the ground. There fore they are fow widening the top of the skirt thus suggesting though in a bot bath at bed time and a dose of far away lastnon a hint of the farth. Pinketter, the little gentle or naturo ingule. But they die also narrowing the laxetives, form the best preventative.

ultimate victory will remain.

Young (High Commissioner, P.M.S.) and has cured far more rhenmatism; than Iside by side with those wired are straight | dispel Constination assignment Lady Evelyn Young Bir Edward Brock any internal remody in existence and without acknowledging that the latter livet, sink benderies and olenteries

becoming that it is likely to achieve

PLAIN MODELS THE MOST ATTRACTIVE It is probably at its best when it is stripped of all ornament. One famous conturier is now exhibiting skirts of this type arminged in pleuts at the waist, the pleass being inverted in front just at the centre. These skirts are wonderfully cut, for they fall in at the hem in the most natural manner, achieving the decired effect without any stiffness." Coats to accompany them are extremely full thus cumingly emphasising the inward curve at the feet. The most attractive are ruther short, just covering the hips and hanging in folds from the shoulders, but a woman with a good figure will probubly prefer a coat which follows the natural lines of the waist and hips even though it barrels out at the knees. One model in fawn-coloured cloth is carried out in this manner, a deep, hem of muscoash carefully making the new line, and it off to perfection, and by her studied duce such a mode as this. The idea is

that it appeals to a natural love of

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and Whampon Dock Co., Ltd., was

launched last week a ship of 3500

tons deadweight for the Indo-China

Steam Navigation Co., and yesterday

at the Taikoo Docks an ocean-going

steamer of 6,000 tons gross, and

about 8,200 tons deadweight capacity

built for Messre. Alfred Holt & Co.

was launched. What is more, sister-

construction, and there is no reason

why these ocean-going ships should

not prove the forerunners of a great

many others in the years to come.

Mr. Greio, the Chief Engineer of

the Taikoo Shipyard, speaking as

and Shipbuiders Institution, a week

ing in the course of another ten

vears a position of even greater

prominence among British Colonies

for its shipbuilding industry than

launching of the "Autolycus"

yesterday that she is the largest

structed in the British Dominions

overseas, although vessels of similar

size are now being built in Canada.

Hongkong shipyards have already

won a reputation for first-class work.

remarked at the launching ceremony

yesterday, in view of the plentiful

in training under the guidance of

the highly-skilled technical European

great shipbuilding industry in this

nection we may draw attention to

the interesting announcement made by

Whampos Wock Co. yesterday that

at the Kowloon Docks which will

give a shippard of four berths 800

consider the progress which

Japanese have made in shipbuilding

in the course of the past twenty years

one marvels that greater progress

has not been made in China, for there

is no branch of industry in which

the Chinese excel to the extent they

do in engineering and shipbuilding.

no very distant date, when China wil

the building up of a great mercantile

fleet, and the Hongkong shipyards

may reasonably count upon contri-

that development. In the past there

buting in a very important degree to

"very large vessels"

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ocean-going steamer so

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Mail.

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Hengkong, Merch 28, 1917.

PUBLIC AUGTION.

MIHE Undersigned have received in structions to sell by Public Auction. (YOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

WEDNESDAY the 4th April, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Yearx Road, Corner of

les House Street, VALUABLE TEARWOOD AND ships of these two vessels are under station. BUACKWOOD FURNITURE, ke," . . . &c.,

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Tennis Poles and Netting &c. &c. Brass Finger Bowls, Several Carpets (New and second hand), Child's Cots, etc. (Full Particulars from Catalogue.) TERMS : - Cash

HUGHES & HOUGE, Auctioneers Hongkong, March 28, 1917.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO, FOR TO-DAY 2.15 p.m.—Performance by Clarke's Cirque at Kowloon.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Kengkong Stock Exchange Settlement

5.30 p.m.—General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club,

General Memoranda.

FEEDAY, March 30 :-11 a.m. - Auction of Household Colony, is well assured. In this con-Furniture at 58 Nathan Road. Noon.—China Sugar Refining Co's. Meeting. 1.30 p.m. -St. Stephen's College the Chairm of the Hongkong and Athletic Sports. 2.30 p.m. - Auction of Household

Furniture at Meears. Hughes and work has been started on an extension Peak School Sports at Hon., Mr.

Phoenix Club Ltd. Entries close for Open Rifle Champion- to get it equipped for constructing thip Meeting. SATURDAY. March 31 :-

H.R.H. Prince Henry's Birthday (1900). SUNDAY, April 1:--Palm Sunday.

MONDAY, April 3:-Noon Anction of the S. L. Ling at Sham Shui Po. Tuesday, April 3:-

2.30 D.m. Auction of Household Furniture etc. at "Clovelly." No. Peak Road. 4 p.m. Sanitary Board Election. THURSDAY, April 5 ---Maundy Thursday.

FRIDAY, ADRIL 6:--Good Friday :- General Holiday. SATURDAY, April 7: General Holiday.

Open Rifle Championship Meeting 9.49 p.m .- Full moon. SUNDAY, April 8 :-Factor Dev.

King of the Belgians born (1878).

MOSTDAY April 9:-Faster Monday :- General Holiday Charles the for Grathans or April

were at all times eager to obtain the contracts. It has had to be proved that such ships can be built in Hongkong, with Chinese labour under British supervision, as well as they can be built in the Home yards, and now that fine samples are being furnished, orders may be expected to of the establishments for some pany, Ltd., General Managers. considerable time to come.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

To-morrow is Settlement Day.

The 31st yearly general meeting of members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House at half-past-five to morrow.

A Chinese was knocked down by motor ear no. 39 yesterday, near the Government Civil Hospital.; ...

of the three German residents of Hoihow, where which I trust you will consider providing for this depreciation, a sum of The lieges of the modern Atilla are not under arrest, but under close surveillance.

Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A., has kindly "Animal and Plant Survivals and Writers are requested to state their THE past week has been made Oddities in the Far East" to-morrow (Thursday) at 5.15 p.m. at the Helena. May Institute. All are cordially invited.

> ACCIDENT ON THE KOWLOON RAILWAY.

> > TRAIN DERAILED.

An accident occurred on the Kow loon Railway at 4 o'clock this morning. The axle of a ballast truck broke and the train buckled and was derailed. One coolie was killed and 12 were injured. The latter were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The train was about 15 yards outside the Sha-Tin

> THE MAGISTRACY. A SOLDIER SENTENCED.

Shropshire Light Infantry whoselast week was remanded in Police custody on the charge of stealing a watch, which was passed. valued at ten dollars, from a secondcapable of turning out any class of hand shop at West Point, was brought Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing ship or marine engines necessary for before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning commerce, and said the shipyards are and sentened to three months' hard

IA SERIOUS CHARGE

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a Chinese named Lam U. Sang, who possessed three aliases, was charged with aiding and abetting one Chin Kee does to-day. The interesting to defraud the Bank of Canton of the \$10,032.80, by means of false pretences.

On the application of Mr. Prestonwho appeared as solicitor for the prosecution, the case was adjourned until next month.

> BREACH OF POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Before Mr. Melboume this morning a and as H. E. The GOVERNOR Chinese was charged with committing a breach of the Postal Regulations by bringing eight unstamped letters into the the Colony from Yokohama by the increasing number of skilled labourers Shingo Maru,

The defendant explained that upon his departure from Yokohama he did staffs employed in Hongkong not have sufficent time to purchase yards, the prosperous future of the stamps.

His Worship imposed a flue of eight

UNABLE TO PAY HIS BILL.

A Chineso entered a restaurant at West Point hat night and after ordering and consuming a meal, with samshi and eigsrettes, he informed the waiter 4.15 p.m.-Annual Meeting of the feet long, and it is hoped in time that he was unable to pay his bill:

When brought before Mr Wood this morning the man merely stated that he the had been a soldier at Kongmoon and was invited into the restaurant. He then said to the magistrate: "I kneel before you," and immediately suited the action to the words.

Inspector Brown, however, informed His Worship that the defendant was a confirmed vagabond and had been But the time is coming, and probably at ent occasions.

A fine of five dollars or seven days be emulating her island neighbour in hard labour was imposed.

BEST MEDICINE MADE

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Hemedy has been no very great inducement to mids expectoration; and sesists nature in provide facilities for the building cestoring the system to shealthy condiin Hongroup . of large cocean and in perfectly sale of take. For sale Bolto vousele Wille He yards at Long to all Chemists and Storekeepers

COMPANY MEETINGS.

HONGKONG ICE CO., LIMITED.

The thirty-sixth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Ice Company Limited was held at 11.30 a.m. to-day at the offices of last October; whilst another £12,000 come along to fully tax the resources Messra Jardine, Matheson and Com-

C. E. Anton (Chairman) Hon. Sir Paul of supporting to our utmost the grea Chater and Ray. Pere Robert, Consult cause for which civilisation is now ing Committee, R. M. Austin (Secretary) fighting against a ruthless Messre C. Beswick, L. N. Leefe, C. also approve the action of Woodhead, A. C. Davidson, Ho Fook, General Managers and Consulting Com-Lo Chueng Shui, H. Seth, A. V. Apcar G. K. Haxton, R. E. MacDougal and W. E. Chrke, shareholders.

. The CHAIRMAN said :- Gentlemen, sympathy of us all. First class the report" and accounts, with auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take then as read. result of the year's working shows an increase of \$9,238.50 over 1915, the diminish to a very substantial extent | Ismuil & Co. (Mr. Manuel Baptista), those at the meeting than when they actual net profit for the year, being the value of gold securities as expressed The Union Trading Co. (Mr. S. N. had German competition to fight. Wing Lock Wharf and removed to the \$95,001.60 as compared with \$36,763.84. in Hongkong dollars. The wisdom of Churn and Mr. J. C. Baretto), The The motion was carried. The usual interim dividend of \$2 per share was paid last August and we now A guard is mounted over the abodes propose paying a final dividend of \$9 per justified, and we shall have, after satisfactory. We are also in a position to add to our provision for contingencies account to the extent of \$15,000 and carry forward \$15,925,470 Sales of Ice show a slight decrease compared with consented to deliver a lecture on the previous year which is accounted. for by the fact that the Canton Ice Factory was at work the whole year \$138,992.78. The dividend of \$27 per instead of only intermittently as in 1915. The Cold Storage Branch continues to produce a satisfactory income the very beavy increase in the cost of coal must necessarily decrease the profits from this Branch during the current year and for thi reason it has been considered advisable that rather a larger balance than usual should be carried forward. An additional cold store has been fitted up atlai-Chi-Kok thus enabling these stores to each individually make a point, during accommodate over 2,000 carcases of meat the coming year, of assisting the Com-East Point we have now cold storage introducing to it all the business under The old Depot in Ice House Street has to place their fire insurances been converted into four modern shops the Hongkong Fire also. from which it is hoped a satisfactory will feel, I am sure, willing to express income will be derived. Your Manager | your appreciation of the work of the reports that all machinery and buildings staff by endorsing the action of your at the works are in first class order, and | Consulting Committee in voting them a all launches and lighters have received their annual overhaul. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, if any shareholders have any question to ask I shall be pleased to answer

Private George Lloyd of the Royal them to the best of my ability. The CHAIRMAN then proposed, Ar. W. E. CLARKE seconded. adeption of the Report and Accounts,

> On the proposal of Mr. Ho Fook. seconded by Mr. C. BESWICK, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Rev. Pere Robert were re-elected on the Consulting ly at any rate, the divergent opinions Committee.

Mr. Lo Chrung Shui then proposed, and Mr. L. N. LEEFE seconded, the re-election of Messrs A. R. Lowe. F.C.A.. and E. A. M. Williams, A.S.A.A., as suditors at a remuneration of \$200. The resolution was adopted and the meeting terminated.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO LIMITED.

The forty-eighth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company was held at noon to-day at the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., General tented if I take the Report and Managers. -

There were present: the Hon. Mr C E. Anton (Chairman), Hon. Sir Pau Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs C. S. Gubbay, F. Maitland, and H. P. White, Consulting Committee Mr L. N. Leefe (Secretary,) Messrs H. R. B. Hancock, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shui, W. E. Clarke, G. H. Haxton, A C. Davidson, and J. M. Alves, share-

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen: In rising to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts it gives me much restinfaction to direct your attention to of the excellent results which have attended the Company's efforts for the venr 1915. A prominent feature of the figures in front of you is a substantial C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung. Hon. Mr increase, in the premium income, and this has been earned with a loss ratio at a level lower even than that to which the fortunes of this Company was adopted rave accustomed us We can. I to the good quality of the business on the books, for there is, so far as I can see, nothing to indicate that the waste by fire has been less in the past year either in the Far East—our own special field or elsewhere. In January last an outbreak occurred in a godown in Tien: sin which did damage estimated at 250,000. In April of the same year there was a fire in some Wharf godowns at Shanghai which entailed losses of. believe, not less than £32,000. In May sent away from the Colony on six differ- a godown was gutted at Pootung entiling losses estimated at some £60,000. In August the Philippine Islands came into prominence, and a fire at Tacloban was believed to have done damage to the extent of about £50,000. In Bangkok two Rice Mills were destroyed. In Singspore the Telephone Exchange was burnt ollowing : Boyel Navy, H. B. surpling to be dealt with is \$444,357,90. | Reserve. and the apportionment which we pro-Company & larger juvationent in Cold House Street. The trailer by Leville Securities and it is thought advisable to differ the the

convert the Reinsurance Fund into Sterling Fund and to add to it the sum of £15,000, which will bring it up to £77,909-7-0. The company has now £43,000 invested in British Government War Loans issued in London

\$60,000 in the 5% Loan of the Malay States Government; and we subscribed \$100,000 to the local loan floated here has been invested in the loans to Allied Government' We have thus carried out the intention, to which my predecessor There were present: The Hon. Mr. in the Chair gave expression last year barbarous foe. You will, I doubt not, mittee in having made a contribution of \$5,000 on behalf of the Company to the fund in aid of War Charities—a fund which must attract the heartfelt Securities do not show as large a loss in market rates as might be expected in view of existing conditions, but the value of dollars having appreciated from I/11 (the placing a portion of the accumulated rofits of former years to meet such an eventuality as this has been more than \$35,000 standing at credit of Investment Exchange Fluctuation Account. It is thought however by the General

Managers and Consulting Committee that this should be sugmented, and the proposed transfer of \$103,140.51. bring this account up share absorbing \$216,000, you will no doubt confirm, and in recommending as we do this continued excellent return upon the Company's Capital I would once again sak shareholders to recollect that their relations with the Company should not be confined to their reception of an Annual distribution of profit, for I am not persuaded that they give the Company all the support that lies with in their power, and I hope that you will

bonus on their salaries which, in view of the excellent results, has been fixed this year at 15 per cent.

We find every year that competition the Tariffs in the For East has given months, we are glad to say that it has proved possible to harmonise, temporari which appeared at one time almost to jeopardise their existence. We are led understand that it is contemplated to introduce an Ordinance Hongkong requiring Companies desiring to operate here to ment of this Company. Such Ordinance will presumably have for its object the protection of the public and nothing that places a premium upon security, such as the Company can offer so well, can meet with anything but our heartiest support. Gentlemen, in put about to do, you will doubtless be con

Accounts as read, and I therefore now have pleasure in proposing: presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$27 per share; an addition of £15,000 to the Reinsur ance Fund; of \$105,140.51 to the Investment & Exchange Fluctuation Account; and, the payment of a bonus to staff of 15 per cent upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

Mr. H. R. B. HANCOCK, speaking on behalf of the shareholders, expressed their extreme satisfaction with Report and Statement of Accounts a presented and seconded the adoption same. The motion was then put to the meeting and adopted.

Mr. W. E. CLARKE then proposed, and Mr. G. H. HAXTON seconded, the re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, E. Shellim, Mesers H. P. White. Maitland and C. S. Gubbay on the Consulting Committee and the resolution

On the proposal of Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. LO CHEUNG SHUL

RIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP

For this event on Saturday, April 7th, volunteers are called for in connec tion with the following Range Duties:-Register Keepers: One only from each of the following units - Roya Navy, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, H. K. V. Reserve, H. K. V. Corps, H. K. Police, H. K. Police Reserve Butts One only from each of the

service will kindly send their names

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Humphreys and Mr. A. D. Hum- adoption of the report and accounts. phreys), Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. | Mr. D. K. Moss, in seconding, Syme Thomson), John D. Hutchison | said he thought there was very little & Co. (Mr. C. Higginbotham), The to add to Mr. Bevington's review. Holland and China Trading Co. (Mr. He thought that too much emphasis A. Van Andel). Gilman & Co. (Mr. could not be laid on the advisability G. Miskin), F. P. Talati & Co. of getting more members for the Mr. F. P. Talatil, W. R. Loxley Association because without it they Harry Wicking & Co. "(Mr. S. of argument which was necessary Pinna). Thoreson & Co. (Mr. with London Produce Brokers and rate at which our Accounts were last pre. Kark Jenson); W. A. Hannibal & others. In spite of the difficulties sented), to 2/47 (the rate ruling at 31st Co. (Mr. W. A. Hannibal), U. Rums pointed out by the Chairman, the December last) the result has been to juhn & Co. (Mr. U. Burnjulin), S. C. state of trade is more satisfactory to North West Trading Co. (Mr. F. Mr. C. HIGGINBOTHAM proposed Hamilton Sawyer), Tong On Lee that the members of the committee

(Mr. Un Kan Wah), and Mr. E. A. be re-elected on bloc, viz :- Mesara. M. Williams (Secretary). The Sucretary read the notice Beaumont, J. H. Bristor, W. A. convening the meeting, after which Hannibal, W. M. Humphreys, U. the CHARMAN, said :- Gentlemen. Ruminhn, F. Syme Thomson and The Report and Accounts having Un Kam Wah. been in your hands for some time, I will follow the usual custom and take them as read. The export business of this Colony was, as you are following firms be admitted to the aware, considerably restricted during Association: Messra, Joseph Bro-1916, some of the chief causes being thers, The North West Trading Co., the high rates of exchange "prevail- Ltd., of Scattle, Mesers, Thoresen ing, the Political unrest and the & Co., Messrs, Fung Tang, and generally unsettled state of affairs in Mesers. Maxim & Co. China the small amount of tonnage | Mr. A. Van Anner seconded, and available for Europe and America the motion was unanimously agreed and the high rates for Freight and to. War Risk Insurance. In addition At a Committee meeting held to this, there hus been the uncer- subsequent to the General meeting, tainty of space and rates owing to Mr. F. Bevington was re-elected steamers being requisitioned by the Chairman and Mr. W. A. Hannibal nt a time. Together with the store at pany to the utmost of your influence by Government. This has, in some Vice-Chairman. instances, caused a considerable loss space measuring 150,000 cubic feet your control and inviting your friends to exporters in this Colony, as they have booked freight by a particular boat which was requisitioned, and when another vessel was put on the berth, they have, in some instances, had to pay an advance in freight which had come into force since their original bookings. We all know the difficulties under which Shipowners The outlook for 1916, you will see have to work at present, but neverfrom the twelve months figures before theless, I would suggest for their you, is isvourable and justifies the consideration that they should ended. Insurance Companies as urgently hope of a successful conclusion. Tyour to bear in mind the interests of

the merchants and the fact that if. increases and whilst the maintenance of any advance in freight rates is made after merchante have booked busicause for anxiety during the last few ness, the loss as a rule falls on the together in order to make best possible use of present curtailed facilities, so that when normal times come again, all the Allied Countries will be with a financial standard. Needless to in a position to present a firm front Annual Meeting held on 28th March, say such a measure will meet with no to the strong competition we shall opposition on the part of the manage- experience from our enemies. There Regulating the Insurance Laws of the is an even more important call for Philippine Islands. close working against the prevention ting to you the Resolution which I am been using very heavy paper for payment of dividends out of espital is packing and in addition to this have heavily loaded the strings, so that Buyers have had to pay for excessive weight in paper and string at the That the report and accounts as prices they are paying for Bristles. The Committee took this matter up and tried to get Dealers to agree to a standard form of packing, but I regret to say that this was not found possible. - The general reason for this was that one Dealer, feared, if he agreed to a standard form of packing, that his Competitors who were not so bound, would have an advantage him. The Committee would like all the Members of the Association to make a special effort to get the Native Dealers to join this Association. Our only hope of com-

will not agree to these terms, to refrain from doing any business with them. We want as many Members as possible to join this Association Messra H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. and I would point out that Members R. Lowe, F.C.A., were re-elected as of this Association have the advanauditors at a remuneration of \$500 each, tage, of receiving inquiries for new business which reaches this Colony through the medium of the Chamber lies as are hereinafter specified the stars of Commerce. With a good Membership List we should be in a position to more effectively urge for more considerate terms in Europe and the U.S.A. in the case of claims, i.e. arbitration awards which should contain clear statements of reasons for allowances, etc. The Association has been in existence for several years and has, I think, certainly justified ite existence. Owing to representations emanating from this Association, the Government bave

peting against majoractices such as

I have referred to is for the Associa-

tion to become sufficiently strong to

to be able to insist on standard forms

packing, etc., and where Declera

within the last two years made Government tollowed and in October out. These make a formidable Lat. The Reserve, H. K. V. Corps. H. K. Police arrangements for officially festing last the Colonial Secretary was able and examining certain articles ex to inform the Chamber that the Gentlemen wolunteering (42 these ported from this Colony, ancircle fin Covernment proposed to an incitive Wood Of Essential Ods, etc., and Legislation At an ener date. policy of the Counting Committee has without delay to Chief Ingrescot Land, the Horn tongs Government Letter Letter Decrease Works of Land been of recent years to acquire for the meri H.C. H. Fried Buildings for the property of the state of the sta

benefit and advantage of being able to obtain Government Certificates as to quality, etc., of shipments they make. The Association, as you will have seen by the correspondence published, has been, and is always The Annual General Meeting of willing to take up any matters which the Members of the Association was are of interest to the Members. held yesterday afternoon in the Steps are now being taken to urge Chamber of Commerce Room, New the Government to furnish statistics Government, Building. Mr. F. of Exports from this Colony. These Bevington (Mesers. Bradley & Co., statistics would be of considerable Ltd.) presided, and the following value to all engaged in the Export firms, were represented:-Mesars. Inde and would assist to develope. Alex Ross & Co. (Mr. D. K. Moss), and extend the Trade of the Colony W. G. Humphreys & Co. (Mr. W. M.) generally. I beg now to propose the

Co., (Mr. O. R. Chunnutt). would not be able to use that force

F. Bevington, A. Van Andel, E. A.

Mr. Pinna seconded and the motion was carried.

The CHARRAR proposed that the

FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

LOCAL LEGISLATION.

A paragraph in the annual report of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce states that the Committee regard immediate legislation for the better control of Firet and Marine

The Government was informed of this opinion in the following letter: Hongkong, 29th June, 1916. Sur,-I am directed to lay before you

Hongkong exporter. It is hardly the opinion of my Committee that the necessary for me to more than briefly time is now ripe to consider an emendrefer to the necessity of all interested ment in the Ordinance reculating the in the Export Trade working closely conduct of Fire and Marine Insurance Companies in the Colony.

In this connection you will perhaps have noted the remarks which fell from the Chairman of the Chamber at the 1916, and the new Act Revising and

There is good reason to doubt whether of bad practices amongst Native many locally registered Companies could Dealers. I refer in particular to in the event of a serious outbreak of Bristles. As most of you are prob- fire, retain any financial stability. The ably aware, Dealers have recently public have no proper protection, the believed to be general, notwithstanding the fact that this is quite ifferal, and a temporary flutter in the form of a new Insurance Company is regarded as an excellent form of gumbling by its Chineses

I am informed that out of 48 Companies registered in Hongkong 20 have siready been wound up or struck out. and if this be a fact, it speaks for itself. It seems to my Committee that a substantial Cash Deposit of say \$100,000 or securities to that value, should be required to be made with the Government by Fire and Marine Insurance Companies before they are allowed to operate in the Colony, but that in the case of those Companies which have already made a deposit in Great Britain, or elsewhere in the British Empire. exemption from this requirement should certainly be granted.

The institution of such a requirement has sufficient precedent in other parts of the Empire such de Canada. As requede the Canadian Law a memorandum sugolied me reads as follows :--

The Insurance Act of 1910 provides or Foreign carrying on the Business of Life Insurance or Fire Insurance, shall deposit with the Minister in such securiof not less than G\$50,000 nor more than G\$200,000 as decided by the Treasury

My Committee trust that His Excellency will give this matter his sympathetic consideration as being a highly desirable reform in the interests of the insuring public I am, etc. E.A. M. WILLIAMS,

Becrytary. The Colonial Secretary

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TELEGRAMS.

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LATEST NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, March 26. An Extraordinary Commission is investigating the illegalities of ex-ministers and officials of the old regime.

It is stated that six hundred machine guns were found in different parts of the

At the first performance at the Opera House since the Revolution, two men bers of the Executive Committee of the Duma addressed the audience from the Imperial Box and two of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates delegates spoke from another Box.

The new governing body of Finland comprises six social demograta and six representatives of other parties.

Monk Rasputin's body was burned.

THE RUSSIAN TROOPS AND THE REVOLUTION.

PETROGRAD, March 25. The Volynsky Guards were the first regiment to declare for the Revolution. They marched to the Tourida Palace to express their loyalty to the Government They carried red flags inscribed: "Don't betray our comrades in the trenches. Make shells." The Band played the "Marseillaise."

A telegram from Riga states that General Gutchkoff, Minister for Warhas arrived there and was given an evation by the sailors and troops, who Government.

crenches.

THE TARTARS JOIN IN THE REVOLUTION.

PETROGRAD, March 26. Advices from Tashkent report that

the Tartars of Kirghiz and Sarts have joined the Revolution. Great festivals are being held, the town and villages are beflagged, and thanks giving services are being held in the Mosques.

General Kuropatkin addressed 200,000 demonstrators at Tashkont. The arrival of Madame Breshkovsk,

styled the Grandmother of the Revolu tion, on her return from exile in Siberia, was an occasion of rejoicings at Omsk. She was received by the Commanding General, who ceremoniously sonducted her to his residence. .ex-Governor's Palace is now styled the -" House of the Republic."

AND PRUSSIAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, March 26. The United States reply to the German proposal referred to on March 25, states "The Government is seriously considering whether or not the treaties have not been already abrogated by Germany's flagrant violations of their provisiona

THE AMERICAN MARINE CORPS.

TO BE BROUGHT UP TO WAR STRENGTH WASHINGTON, March 27

President Wilson has ordered -Corps of Marines to be brought up to war strength-17,400.

THE "APPAM" RETURNED TO HER OWNERS.

WASHINGTON, March 27? immediate transfer of the steamer Appant to her British owners.

GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS IN BELGIUM.

AMSTERDAM, March 27. between the 12th and the 18th inst. while 2,079 were untraced. The Govern-German troops and transport in st any time since 1914.

LOST BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS.

LONDON, March 273 relief ships have been submarined .since 1914.

STATE CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRADE IN ENGLAND.

THE WHISKY IN BOND.

LOSDON, March 27 It is understood that if the State purchase of the Liquor trade is carried out, the value of the stocks of estimated at over 2100, 00 0000 must lest opportunity of obtaining War Officials. On the experse and we have a construction of the construction of whisky in bond in Great Britain Members and as this is probably the

THE PARIS CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

EARLY ACTION WANTED

LONDON, March 28. A meeting of members of the House of Lords and members of the House of Commons supporting the principle of Imperial Preference; has passed a resolution that, in view of the resolutions of the Paris Economic Conference passed in June, 1916, and of the fact that Lord Balfour of Burleigh's, Committee has reported in favour of the adoption of a policy of preference and commercial treaties with the Allies, they request, the Government to submit the Paris resolutions and Lord Ballour Burleigh's Report to the War Cabinot and the Conference. The resolution further requests that the Government will forthwith set up the machinery to give effect to the The Bourse Gazette states that the resolutions and curry out the policy of Imperial Preference in accordance 21, 1018, which was doned with Mr. Asquith's announcement to to give effect to the Paris Conference

CHINA AND THE TEUTON POWERS.

A DECLARATION OF WAR ADVOCATED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 27. Mr. Leung Chi Chao, in a memoranhave taken the oath of fidelity to the dum submitted to the Commission for the study of Diplomatic Problems, Government delegates who have giving his views on the policy which it returned from Riga give an excellent is advisable for China to adopt towards account of the spirit of the troops in the Germany, says China cannot be compared in the matter with America, and since diplomatic relations have been severed with Germany rupture with a declaration of war, he and the motion was carried. says, it will be difficult to seek ground for going to war later on. He also

advises a similar policy towards Austria In consequence of this advice, the Prime Minister called a meeting of the Commission yesterday to give the matter serious attention.

(Router's Service to the China Mail., THE DEPARTURE OF THE GERMAN

PEKING. March 27. Rembrandt for San Francisco. They will then from there proceed across the United States, and probably to Holland.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR STRIKE AT BARROW-IN-

FURNESS. LONDON, March 26. In the House of Commons, replying to a question regarding a serious strike at Barrow-in-Furness since March 21 Mr. Bonar Law said the cause was the alleged cutting of the time allowance under the premium bonus system. the result of a conference between Mr. Hodge, the Minister of Labour, and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and allied bodies, a telegram had been sen asking the strikers to resume work immediately on the understanding that an arbitration award would be made within seven days. This offer was still Government viewed the interruption of the production of munitions with the utmost gravity; the stoppage of work when other methods of settlement were The Supreme Court has ordered the open could not be too strongly depre-

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS QUESTION.

LONDON, March 26. In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope said he believed that the Germans had 32.500 British prisoners. 8,762 British The Nieuwe Courant states that prisoners in Turkey had been traced ment was considering a proposal to exchange six hundred Turkish and British prisoners of war with a view to a wider exchange in the future.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SIVINGS ASSOCIATION.

O. W. Darch, E. H. Symth and C. A. Peel (Hon. Secretary).

or from the Union Insurance Society of

THE ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED HOSPITALS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Annual Meeting of the Finance. Committee of the Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held this morning in the Chamber of Commerce Room, New Post Office Buildings. The Hon. E. R. Hallifax (Chairman of the Committee) presided, and there were present the Hone Mr. H. E. Pollock, Dr. R. McLean Gibson (Superinten-Pearce, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. W. B. Walker, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Chau Siu Ki and Mr. A. G. Coppin (Hon. Trea-

The Chairman called upon Dr. Gibson to read the notice convening the meeting and also the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on March

Parliament on February 18th that Superintendent's Report for the year Chinese Affairs as I am able to as he did not intend to wait for peace 1916 has already been in your hands for some time and is now laid on the table. I now beg to propose for election to the Finance Committee, actually asked to do so. I therefore workers have preached at the Sunday Mr. W. B. Walker, Mr. J. H. Wal- beg to propose that the Hon. Mr. lace and Mr. J. Walker.

motion was carried.

the adoption of the Report of the eligible. Sub-Committee for the year 1916, said that he thought they should be very grateful to Mr. Chau Siu Ki and Mr. Chan Kang U, for the efforts Chinese subscriptions.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, seconded, and the motion was car-

advantage is to be gained in delaying Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Acthe issue. "If we do not follow the counts for the year 1916 be adpoted. Mr. A. G. Coppin, Hon. Treasurer and

> and Mr. A. MACKENZIK seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. A. G. Coppin, Kam Wa and Tse Yam Chi. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Mathieson, The Sub-Committee met on 3rd May Acting Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Chapman, Hon. Auditor. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Corrix, after thanking the Committee on behalf of Messra. Mathieson and Chapman and himself. said that the statement of Income and Expenditure of the Finance Sub- The income from Guilds was \$3,102.70 The German Minister and his staff Committee required little explanahave left for Shanghai from where they | tion, but he would like to make a \$8,859.70; Foreign donations wer will sail on the Dutch steamer few remarks with regard to the 1916. figures shown. He said: -It is a matter for congratulation that we started the year 1916 with a credit balance of \$8,878.78, whereas we started the year 1915 with a debit balance of \$6,382.29. This speaks received a substantial sum of 87,103.07 volumes for the work put in by Messrs. Chan Siu Ki and Chan Kang Mr Chan Kang. U. who were assisted in U and their friends in the matter: of raising funds. The Reports. have easily available go back to the year 1904, and they show that from that year and in every subsequent year to 1916, we were labouring against a debit balance. In other Fund to 31st-December, 1916, was words, the year 1916 is the first occasion on which a credit balance has been shewn for at least 12 years. It may be longer, but as I have said, gratitude. and the reports easily available to me do not open. Mr. Bonar Law added that the go back further than the year 1904. As regards Donations, it will be seen that those for 1916 are some \$9,600 less than those for 1915, and state that the medical work has been it is essential that we collect at least \$15,000 by way of Donations during than for many years the coming year, otherwise we shall be encroaching upon our balance, side we shew refunds or collections

Income from Investments shows a relieved, but when we remember how small increase of \$105. We have much they suffer from poverty in the present Report stated the item | neglect, we can realise that the Hospital of Food differently. On the one side Chinese poor are long suffering, and we shew actual monies expended in those not intimately associated. Food \$5,877.50, and on the other pression in sut to be formed that they of strength, combined with agility, was Tenebras followed by the Via Secratorial \$5,971.65. Thus, there is roughly a later with a dollar or two which they profit of \$100 on this item. former years balances only were showing real gratitude. While some mentioned, is a war orphan. Her phecies, then the celebrant with his It is stated that twelve Belgian A Branck of this Association shewn. Thus, in the account for the tacture of the persons which vessel, it will be have mind the having has been formed in Canton, the 1915 it would appear that only for their felief, the unjority are entirely \$189.45 was expended during the tion for the operation is necessary and Mr. Martines, senior, took charge of her upon the congregation. The Mass configuration but, as a matter of that a stay of days or weeks in hospital Mr. Martines, senior, took charge of her upon the congregation. The Mass configuration weeks in hospital Mr. Martines, senior, took charge of her upon the congregation. The Mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configuration is necessary and the mass configuration in the mass configur Committee being Mesers. O. Eager, \$189.45 was expended during the tion for the operation is necessary and Applications by residents of Canton fact, expenses under this item were treatment of their condition. It neces the company. The performance, was I and district for envolwent as Members considerably larger and the 8tm menof this Association may be made to the considerably larger and the 8tm menoften required before the patients fully display.

Hon. Secretary. Mr. C. A. Peel, of those in that Report is the balance nuderatand. Some have to be persuaded. Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Canton, who after deducting tertain refunds. The to be guntly told Cost they have unwill supply anyone with full perticulars, present method of stering the item fortained some too late for successful

which the War is accountable Repairs show an increase of some \$200 over the previous period, the work done being considered necessury for the up-keeping of the build- Chinese nurses in training, when require

The Hen. Mr. H. E. Polloci proposed the re-election of the pre- stuck to their uncongenial tasks. sent Committee with the following 1898 of the first year of the present. imendments:.-

.Thut the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyook take the place of Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, who is absent from the Colony, and that Mr. J. M. Wong dent and Secretary)," the Rev. T. take the place of Mr. Kwok Sin Lan. Mr. W. B. WALKER seconded and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN then said; Gentlemen,-We now come to the question of the Chairmanship of the be held in higher esteem and the Committee and we'find ourselves very much in the same position last year. Tailor not think essential to the welfare of the Hospitals that I should be chairman. The CHAIRMAN then suid:—The my official capacity as Secretary for Chairman of the Committee and feel that there are others who would, be willing to help all they could but Dr. Greson seconded and the I am sure he would actively partithe Hospitals and from a business

Mr. Coppin seconded and motion was carried.

After passing a vote of thanks to appearance of Father Xinas gave much Dr. McLean Gibson, to the outgoing Chairman (Mr. Hallifax), and to the they had put forward in collecting Chamber of Commerce, for the use of the room, the meeting terminated. help in matters financial. REPORTS

The report of Finance. Sub-Committee for 1916 submitted stated:-Mr. Chau Siu Ki proposed, and At the Annual Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 21st. March, 1916.
Mr. J. M. Wong seconded, that the the following gentlemen were elected to

the Sub-Committee :--Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Chairman ond the motion was carried.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland proposed, Bonnar, A. Mackenzie, Au Chak Man, Chan Kang U, Chan Sin Ki. Fung Ping Shan, Kwok Siu Lau, S. W. Ts'o, Un

and 6th September of 1916, and

The question of the best methods of collecting donations from the Chinese community was fully discussed and it was decided that two Uhinese members be asked to undertake the collection each year. Mr Chan Sin Ki and Mr Chan Bang U kindly undertook to col-lect for 1916, and Mr Tso gave the

in 1916 (compared with \$2,889.57 in 19 Individual Chinese \$5,757, total \$5,757.83 compared with .\$5,134.70

The net expenditure for 1916 was \$14,961.52; and the Superintendent's draft estimate for 1917 indicates that an | under good management. The programincrease in expenditure of \$2,000 w probably be required. The Invested Funds of the Hospitals were reviewed and approved.

The Fund for Nethersole-Extension being proceeds of Chinese Entertainments organised by Mr Chau Siu Ki and due to war conditions the Sub-Committee operations to a more favourable time at the time when circuses held and funds to the extent of \$20,000 were

During Mr Coppin's absence. several months of the year, Mr. Mathieson kindly acted as Tressurer, laying us under a debt

> R. MACLEAN GIBSON. Eccretary.

The Report for 1916 was as follows In again submitting a report of the Hospitals, it is encouraging to be able to the largest in the history of the Hos pitals and the financial position better

att is difficult to give an account of work which wills adequately convey the extent to which suffering has been noor many of the patients are, and how meet a need in the lives of many. Instances have occurred of poor men In had carned and this we appreciate as Chinese patients have a general idea of Centon, the Hon Secretaries. (was considered voors accounts by life the children seed to have a large say Arrangements have been made to P. J. Chapman, our Hon Anditor in the decision as to whether they take up Nive Lakhalof Shraits War Loan and it certainly gives Subscribers a set to come to m not and sa they yielding fi per cent. for the use of better idea of the work dans by the perents for grants for the perents for grants and as this is probably the better idea of the work dans by the perents for grants for gran

to increased cost of Medicines, for in the bladder. During the summer of 1916 there was a large infux of people from Camen and the Hospitals were specially besy during that time : later in the year on the outbreak of smallpox, the large demand for vaccination unprecedented in Hongkong, entailed solutiderable work on the Staft. The ed to attend to a few cases of small-pox. which occurred amongst the Maternity cases, proved thoroughly, reliable and

A comparison of the medical work in superintendency), with that of 1916 may be permitted as showing progress:-

727 1,731 In-patients. Out-patients (Individual) 10,755 20,250

Total Out-patient visits 18,674 43,407

The training of nurses and midwives been systematically carried on during the year and three have passed the examination of the Midwives's Board, Hongkong, which entitles them to be registered as Midwives in the Colony. Nursing the sick is gradually coming to difficulty of obtaining well educated women for training has now largely disappeared—a marked contrast to the conditions which prevailed twenty years ago. Medical attendance has been given by

the Hospital staff to the Berlin Found Ling House and the Ebenezer Blind Miss Cameron, a fully trained nurse. appointed by the London Missionary, Society, arrived in March.

. Wong Tai Yan, the Hospital Evangelist, has taken the services regularly in the wards: as well as in the out-patient department and exerted a good influence services and we are indebted to them for E. Shellim, be "elected Chairman, their assistance. The Biblewoman and some of the older pupils from the Training Home for Girls have taught the patients in the Nethersole Hospital; some of the Nurses in training also teach The Rev. T. Pearce, in proposing point of view, he is eminently the children. Many were glad to learn the Report of the aligible baptisms. Xmas trees were laden with gifts for the patients in the Nethersole and Ho Min Ling Hospitals and the

> We are greatly indebted to Mr. Hallifax who as Chairman of the Finance Committee has given valuable advice and

Our grateful thanks are due to all sub-scribers to the funds for their generous support, also to Mr. Chan Siu Ki and Chan Kang U for special services, to Mr. Coppin, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Mathieson, Acting Hon. Treasurer, and to Mr. Chapman, Hon. Auditor. We also express our thanks to Professor Jordan, Dr. C. Forsyth, Dr. Evan Jones and Dr. John Kirk for services rendered, and to all who have in any way interested themselves in the work of the Hospitals.

The Matron begs to gratefully neknowledge the following gifts: Singer's sewing machine from Miss Ida Ng; baby clothing Mrs. Tang; socks, towels and Xmas gifts, Mrs. Woo Tsun; Xmas gifts;—Mrs. D. Wood, Mrs. Lancaster, Wong Pat Kwu, Miss Mackenzin, M. C. L. per Mrs. Bowley, Ying We Boys School, Mrs. Clayson and Mr. Tam Wai

CLARRE'S CIRCUS.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME The change in the programme of Clarke's Circus at last night's performance only went to confirm first impressions—that the show is an exceptionally fine combination of Artists me, which included 15 items, was opened by Mr. A. J. Clarke, who again thrilled the audience with his daring acrobatic feats on horseback, and which he repeated later on in conjunction with Mr. Clarke Junior. It might be of their efforts by other Chinese members interest to some to know that Mr. of Sub-Committee. Owing to the great Clarke senior was a member of the old increase of cost of building materials Hongler's Circus which gained such deemed it advisable to delay building renown in London 25 or 30 years, ago invested during 1918—the balance is also | sway, and the up-to-date Music Hall to be invested. The total amount of the had not taken the place of such forms of amusement. The fact that Mr. Clarks is still on the active list in Circus life is indeed, eloquent proof of his popularity as an entertainer in his particular line. Several of the turns introduced Clowns and Comedians who kept the audience in roars of laughter by their antics, especially the Billiard Table act which was exceedingly funny from start

to finish. All the other items are deserving of high praise, and special mention must be made of Miss Victoria Alexime, in her classical dance. Classical dancing, as a rule, is not very entertaining without the sid of munic and it speaks Thlumes for Miss Alexime's terpischorean accomplishments that the grace and daintiness of her dancing were not in the least marred by a temporary

breakdown of her secompaniment. In the acrobatic display by Martinez troop, a very fine exhibition presented. Little Miss Florrie Martinez, tossed about like a ball. This small fire and the five grains of incense, folmember of the Company, it may be lowed by the reading of the twelve Pro- spector Gerrard). father was a petty officer on H.M.S. sasistants proceeds to the blessing of the Gordon). remembered, was sunk in the Battle of as usual, and at the Gloria in Exceles may be necessary for the proper a ter and she has since been travelling with

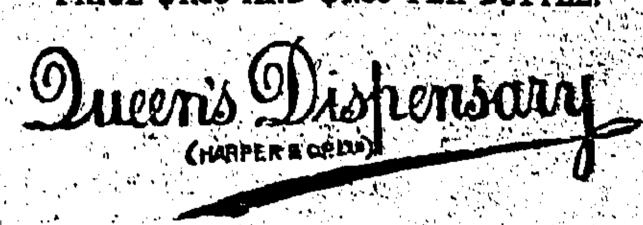
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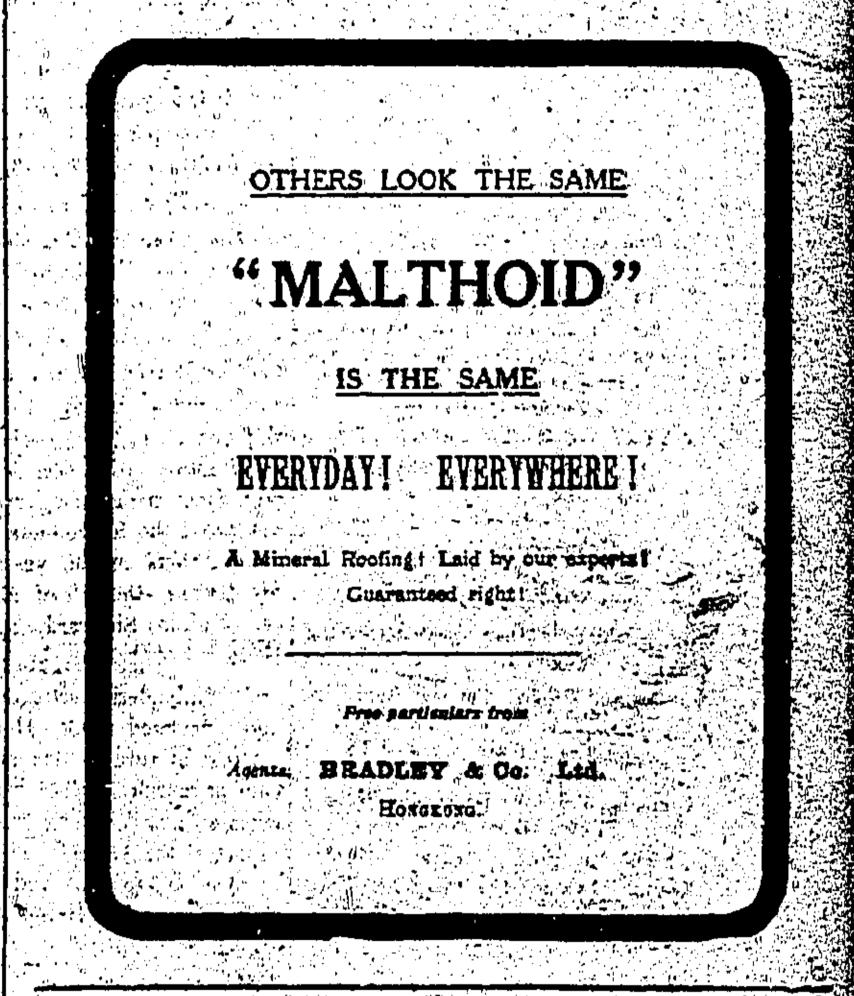
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numion from 6 to 8 a m. (alternatively) Only one solemn High Pontifical Mass will be celebrated on this day at 8 a.m. by the Bishop, during which the blessing of the Holy Oil will take place, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Secrament, and the unclothing of the altar. The ceremony of the Lava Pedes wil be performed by the Bishon at 11 o'clock In the evening Offices of the Tenebra and public Adoration of the enthrone Blessed Facrament to 11,30 p.m. Good Friday :- Offices in the morning

Crucis Mass and the consumation of the Holy Host. In the evening Office of the station is presched from the pulpit by been sung, the Allelnia Mass begins Practice Thursday, if irch 23th.

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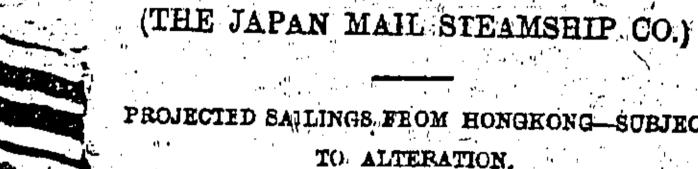
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" SHORTENING THE WAR."

Amsterdam, Jan. 31. At to-day's sitting of the Main Committee of the Reichstag the Imperial Chancellor, Herr von Bethmann Hollweg made the following statement:-

On December 12 last year I explained' before the Reichstag the reasons which led to our peace offer. The reply of our opponents clearly and precisely said that they decline peace negotiations with us, and that they want to hear only of a peace which they dictate. By this the whole question of the guilt for the continuation. of the war is decided. The guilt falls on our opponents alone. Just as definitely stands our task. The enemy's conditions we cannot discuss. They acould only be accepted by a totally defeated people. It therefore means fight,

President Wilson's Message to Congress shows his sincere wish to restore peace to the world. Many of his maxima agree with our aims-namely, the freedom of the seas, the abolition of the system of balance of power (which is always bound to lead to new difficulties), equal rights of all nations, and the open door to trade. But what are the peace conditions of the Entente?

Germany's defensive force is to be destroyed; we are to lose Alsaco and Lorraine and the eastern provinces of the Ost-Marken: the Danube Monarchy is to be dissolved; Bulgaria again to be cheated of her national unity; and Turkey is to be pushed out of Europe and smashed in Asia.

The destructive designs of our opponents cannot be expressed more strongly. We have been challenged to fight to the end. We accept the challenge. stake everything, and we shall be victorious."

THE U-BOAT CONTROVERSY.

By this development of the situation the decision concerning submarine waroccasion that I was speaking pro tempore, and not as a supporter in principle, or an opponent in principle, of the unrestricted employment of U-boats, but and economic situation as a whole.

I always proceeded from the standpoint as to whether an unrestricted Urboat war will bring us nearer to a victorious peace tory, and to a swift victory, I said at respect will be done.-" Reuter." that time then they must be employed. The Imperial Chancellor proceeded to explain why in March and May last year he opposed an unrestricted U-boat war; why again, in September, according to the unanimous judgment of the political" and military authorities, the question was not considered ripe for decision. In this connection the Chancellor repeated his previous utterance, that as soon as he, in agreement with the Supreme Army Command, reached the conviction that ruthless U-boot would bring Germany nearer to a vic-

torious peace, then the U-boat war would This moment, he continued, has now tons; engaged in coastal trade, 500,000 trived. Last airtumn the time was not tons; under repairs, 1,000,000 tons; plyarrived. Last autumn the time was yet ripe, but to-day the moment ha come when with the greatest prospect success we can undertake this enterprise. We must therefore not wait any longer.

COUNSELS OF DESPAIR. . Where has there been a change?

In the first place, the most important fact of all is that the number of ou submarines has very considerable increased as compared with last spring and thereby a firm basis has been created for success. The second co-decisive reason is the tinues:-

bad corn "harvest of the world. This fact now already confronts England and Italy with serious difficulties. firmly hope to bring these difficulties by means of an unrestricted U-boa war, to the point of unbeerableness

The coal question, too, is a vital question in war. Already it is oritical, as you know, in Italy and France. Our submarines will render it still more

To this must be added, especially as Mr W. L. L. Barker Dr F. Keyt regards England, the supply of ore for Mr R. M. Bartlett Mr C. King the production of munitions in the widesh sense and of timber for coal-

still further acute by the increased lack Mr R. E. Belilios of enemy eargo space. In this respect time and the U-boat and cruiser war- Mr C. E. Benedict fare have prepared the ground for a decisive blow. The Entente suffers in all its members owing to lack of cargo space. It makes itself felt in Italy and France not less than in England. If we may new venture to estimate the positive advantages of an unrestricted U-boat war at a very much higher value than last spring, the dangers which arise for us from the U-boat war have correspondingly decreased since that time.

ACCEPTING THE CONSEQUENCES. The Chancellor then discussed in detail

the political situation, and continued:-A few days ago Marshal von Hindenhurg described to me the situation as

. Our front stands firm on all sides. reserves. The spirit of the troops is Mr F. W. Cox good and confident. " The military situation as a whole permits us accept all consequences which about, and as this E-boat war, in all circumstances, is the means to injure our enemies most grievously, it must be begun.

The Admiralty Staff and the High Sea Fleet entertain the firm conviction, port in the experience gained in the U-boot cruiser warfare, that Great Britain will be brought to peace by arms. "

" WE MUST AND WE CAN." The Chancellor then read the Note to the United States, and added that corresponding Notes had been sent to the other neutral States. He concluded with the following words :-

No one among us will close his eyes to the seriousness of the catep which we are taking. That our existence is at stake every one has known since August 4th. 1914, and this hason been brutally fore has been forced into its last acute emphasized by the rejection of our peace stage. The question of the U-boat war, offer. When, in 1914, we had to seize as the gentlemen of the Reichstag will and have recourse to the sword against remember, has occupied us three times the Russian general mobilization, we did in this Committee-namely, in March. so with the deepest sense of responsibility May, and September last year. On each towards our people aidl conscious of the occasion in an exhaustive statement I resolute strength which says, " We must, expounded the points for and against in and therefore we can." Endless streams this question. I emphasized on each of blood have since been shed, but they have not washed away the " must " and

the 'can." In now deciding to employ the best and sharpest weapon we are guided solely by in consideration of the military, political, a sober consideration of all the circumstances that come into question, and by Mr and Mrs. J. P. Mr. G. G. Wood: a firm determination to help our people out of the distress and disgrace which our enemies contemplate for them. or not. Every means, I said in March, Success lies in a higher hand; but as that is calculated to shorten the war is cregards all that human strength can do the humanest policy to follow. When to enforce success for the Fatherland you the most ruthless methods are considered may be assured, gentlemen, that nothing as the best calculated to lead us to vic- has been neglected. Everything in this

INSPIRED STATISTICS.

Admirul von Capelle's Press Bureau followed up the announcement of unrestricted submarine warfare" with the publication of some semi-official arithmetic concerning the proposed starvation of England. The fullest version is given by the Berlin Lokalan

The total English tonnage is stated to be about 20,000,000 gross register tons, and is accounted for as follows :- Requisitioned for military purposes, 8,600,000 ing "in the interests of the Allies," 2,000,000 tons ; remaining for the supply of England, 8,0 0,000 tons "at most." It is added that, as a matter of fact, the statistics for July to September, 1916, show only about 6,750,000 tons of English shipping as plying to England, and it is estimated that, with the addition of 900,000 tons of non-English enemy tonnage and 3,000,000 | Mrs R. Almond pendent upon a round total of 10,750,000 | Mr G. Bannerman Mr G. Watheson gross register tons.

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Among those present were Mr. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, and Mrs. Ralphs, who distributed the prizes and Mr. T. K. Dealy, Headmaster of the

The programme was organised by Mr. J. C. Flotcher, the Secretary, and the members of the Sports Committee. The entries for all events were good, thus ensuring keen competition and close finishes.

The Senior Championship cup (presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung) KING EDWARD HOTEL was won by Ko Kin Fan, with a possible of 25 points, the runner up being Lo Shui Kin. A. Mahomet won the Junior Championship Cup (presented by the 4) Q.C. undergraduates), Chan Char Fong being the runner-up. Both champions secured the highest possible points. Two school records were broken, the long jump being increased from 17ft. 2in. to 18ft. lin., and the time for the "100 yards sprint being reduced from 11 1-5 seconds to 11 seconds.

Refreshments were provided between one and two o'clock, and the band of the 74th Punjabis, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Christian was

-present In calling upon Mrs. Ralphs to distribute the prizes when the sports had concluded Mr. T. K. Dealy said he -was sure that all must have observed that the boys, without exception, had given ample evidence of the spirit of fair play, and that the same feeling was evident among the spectators by their Borneo

chec in competitors:-

Lose Jump (open) - 1. Wang Pok Hing; 2. Wu Hang Him. Ko Kin Fan was best in this event, but, having won three other prizes, was ineligible. Distance,

18 feet 1 inch. Lore Jump (under 15 -1 Rumjahn Lo Wai Sum. Mahomet had the best distance, but, having won three other prizes, was incligible. Distance, 15 feet

IUI YARDS (open)-1, Ko Ki San; 2, Lo Shiu Kin ; 3, Xavier. Time Hees. 100 YARDS (under 15)-1, A. Mahomet; 2. Chan Chan Pong; 3, Mat Ying Kwai. Time, 12secs.

High Jump (open)-1, Ng Chan Ching ; Ko Yan Cheong. Kok San was highest, but, having won three prizes, was ineligible. Height, 5 feet 24 inches. HICH JUMP (under 15)-L. Rumjahn; D. Laing. Height 4 feet 24 inches. A. Mahomet was highest, but, having NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE won other three prizes, was incligible. 120 YARDLES (open)-1, Ko Kin Fan; Wu Hang Him: 3. Ro Yau Cheong.

Time, 19secs. 120 YARDS HURDLES (under 15)-1, A. Mahomet: 2. In Ping Iu; 3 D. Láing. Time, Elsecs. 200 Y KDs (open)—1, Ko Kin Fan ; 2, Lo Shiu Kin ; 3, Ho Wing Yun. Time,

29 2-5sees. 300 Yarns (under 15)-1, A. Mahomet; Chau Chan Pong: 3, Lo Wai Shan. Time, 40secs.

SACK RACE-1, Shiu Kwai Shang; 2, D. Laing; 3, Ng Iu Ngan. 440 YARDS HANDICAP (Chinese)-1, Ng In Ngan; 2, Nai Sing Yan; 3, Choi Man

PICK-A-BACK RACE.—1 S. A. R. Ismail and S. Farcon; 2, E. H. Harcon and D.

THREE LEGGED RACE-1, Ko Yai Cheong and Lo Wai Pun; 2, Wu Hang Him and Wn Hang Hin.

HALF MILE HANDICAP-I, S. A. Tamail (180 yards); 2, Rumjahn (180 yards); 3, S. Haroon (180 yards). 220 YARDS (old boys)-1, F. Shamusdeen: 2, A. Hassan.

ONE MILE (open)—1, Chan Lung Pung; 2, E. Harpoon; 3, Ho Wing Yun. CHINESE MASTEER HANDICAP RACE (100 yards)-1, Mr. Kong (13 yards); 2 Lau Pui Yau (7 yards); 3, Mr. Lam

Hing San (scratch). PUPIL TRACHERS' 220 YARDS RACE-Mr Lau Ying Cheong (scratch); 2, Mr 'Ng Chung Shang (scratch); 3, Mr Chan

Mo Fong (4 yards). INVITATION RELAY BACE for District Echools-1, Ellis Kadoorie School; Yaumati School. Five schools competed. TRAM RACE (for Classes 1, F2, C2, F3,

(C3)—1. C2. CONSCIATION RACE-I, Luk Man Yai; 2. Wong Kwai Iu; 3, Lan Hung Chun. Cheers for Mrs Ralphs were heartily given at the close of the prize-giving, and the meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

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Figure on will prevail along the China coast and over the north part of the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours. ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 3,49 inches, against an-

average of 5.75 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 29th March :-1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds fresh; fine.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as 4. South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN MARCH.

The following table shows the Stan dard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of March, Begins. Ends. Date. -6.48 p.m. Mar. 28th. 6.08 s.m.

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the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet inches to the height given in the table

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